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SUBJECT: THE PEREZ HERRERA "ARAB MEMO"

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1. THE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YUGOSLAV FIRM ENERGOPROJEKT AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. PANAMANIAN LAW REQUIRES THAT FOREIGN FIRMS BIDDING ON CONTRACTS HERE HAVE A LOCAL PARTNER. ENERGOPROJEKT'S PANAMANIAN PARTNER IN THE BAYANO DAM PROJECT WAS MONITOR, INC., A FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN REPRESENTING FOREIGN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON PROJECTS IN PANAMA. MONITOR, INC. HAS AT LEAST TWO JEWS, SHLOMO GLIKSBERG AND MICHAEL KOLNESHER, ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS LISTED IN THE PUBLIC REGISTRY.

2. UNDER TERMS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAYANO DAM SIGNED BY THE GOP, MONITOR, INC. AND ENERGOPROJEKT, MONITOR RECEIVED A COMMISSION ON THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING LABOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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MAINTANING LIAISON WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THE PROJECT WAS NOT A JOINT VENTURE, AS IMPLIED IN THE MIZRACHI ARTICLE, SINCE MONITOR MERELY ACTED AS ENERGOPROJEKT'S LOCAL AGENT WITHOUT ASSUMING ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

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